

§ 10.204 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

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§ 10.205 Requirements for original licenses, certificates of registry, and STCW certificates and endorsements.

(a) *General.* The applicant for an original license or certificate of registry must present satisfactory documentary evidence of eligibility with respect to the applicable requirements of § 10.201 through § 10.203. Each applicant must submit an application as set forth in § 10.105 and, unless exempted under § 10.112, submit the evaluation fee set out in table 10.109 in § 10.109.

(b) *Minimum age.* The applicant shall present satisfactory proof of age as prescribed in § 10.201(f). This evidence may be any of the items submitted to establish citizenship.

(c) *Citizenship.* Each applicant must provide acceptable evidence of his or her citizenship to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard will reject any evidence of citizenship that we do not believe to be authentic. “Acceptable evidence of citizenship” means an original of any one of the following documents:

(1) Original or a certified copy of a birth certificate, issued by a State, county, municipality or outlying possession of the U.S. bearing an official seal.

(2) Merchant mariner’s document issued by the Coast Guard after February 3, 2003 that shows that the holder is a citizen of the U.S.;

(3) Certificate of Citizenship issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Immigration and Naturalization Service;

(4) Certificate of Naturalization issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Immigration and Naturalization Service; or

(5) Unexpired U.S. State Department passport.

(d) *Physical examination.* (1) All applicants for an original license must pass an examination given by a licensed physician or a licensed physician assistant and present to the OCMI a com-

pleted Coast Guard physical examination form, or the equivalent, executed by the physician. This form must provide information on the applicant’s acuity of vision, color sense, and general physical condition. This examination must have been completed prior to submission of the application and not more than 12 months prior to issuance of the license. (Physical examinations are not required for staff officers.)

(2) For an original license as master, mate, pilot, or operator, the applicant must have vision correctable to at least 20/40 in each eye and uncorrected vision of at least 20/200 in each eye. The color sense must be determined to be satisfactory when tested by any of the following methods, without the use of color sensing lenses:

(i) Pseudoisochromatic Plates (Dvorine, 2nd Edition; AOC; revised edition or AOC-HRR; Ishihara 16-, 24-, or 38-plate editions).

(ii) Eldridge—Green Color Perception Lantern.

(iii) Farnsworth Lantern.

(iv) Keystone Orthoscope.

(v) Keystone Telebinocular.

(vi) SAMCTT (School of Aviation Medicine Color Threshold Tester).

(vii) Titmus Optical Vision Tester.

(viii) Williams Lantern.

(3) For an original license as engineer, radio officer, offshore installation manager, barge supervisor or ballast control operator, the applicant must have correctable vision of at least 20/50 in each eye and uncorrected vision of at least 20/200 in each eye. Applicants need only to have the ability to distinguish the colors red, green, blue and yellow.

(4) Where an applicant does not possess the vision, hearing, or general physical condition necessary, the OCMI, after consultation with the examining physician or physician’s assistant, may recommend a waiver to the Commandant if extenuating circumstances warrant special consideration. Applicants may submit to the OCMI, additional correspondence, records and reports in support of this request. In this regard, recommendations from agencies of the Federal Government operating government vessels, as well as owners and operators of private vessels, made on behalf of their